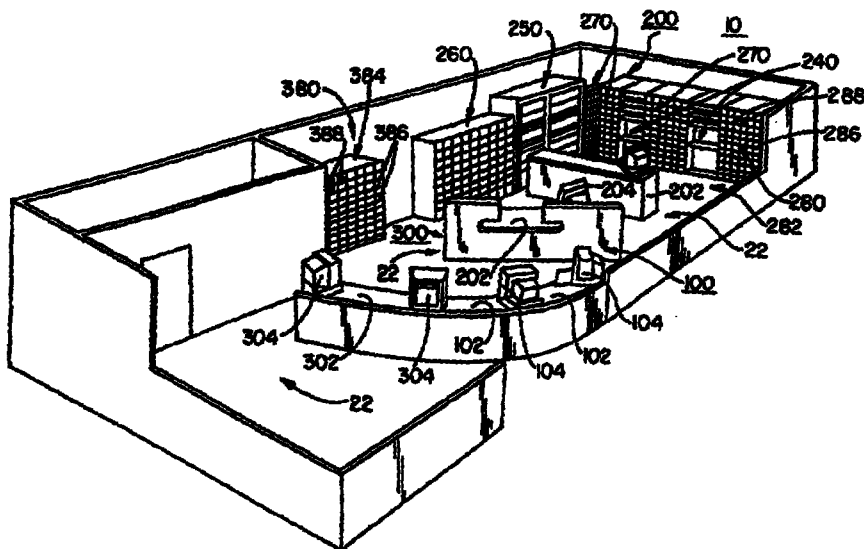


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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a pharmacy system (10) for automating the medical prescription fulfillment process for a customer. The system includes an imaging work station (100) having a host computer (104) for receiving data entry of an original medical prescription (12) and a prescribed drug product and customer information and for producing a prescription transaction data record; and an electronic communication device for communicating the prescription transaction data record from the host computer (104) to a series of computers. A filling station (200) includes dispensing apparatus for counting, dispensing, and packaging of the dispensed drug product into the drug vial the customer. A checking work station (300) includes a scanner (128) for scanning the bar code label on the drug vial, and a display displaying the digitized image of the original medical prescription.